

## AMENDMENTS

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The present invention relates to novel electrode active materials represented by the general formula  $A_a M_b (XY_4)_c Z_d$ , wherein:

- (a) A is one or more alkali metals, and  $0 < a \leq 8$ ;
- (b) M is at least one metal capable of undergoing oxidation to a higher valence state, and  $1 \leq b \leq 3$ ;
- (c)  $XY_4$  is selected from the group consisting of  $X'O_{4-x}Y'_x$ ,  $X'O_{4-y}Y'_{2y}$ ,  $X''S_4$ , and a mixture thereof, where X' is P, As, Sb, Si, Ge, S, and mixtures thereof; X'' is P, As, Sb, Si, Ge, and mixtures thereof, Y' is halogen,  $0 \leq x < 3$ ,  $0 < y < 4$ , and  $0 < c \leq 3$ ; and
- (d) Z is OH, a halogen, or mixtures thereof, and  $0 < d \leq 6$ .